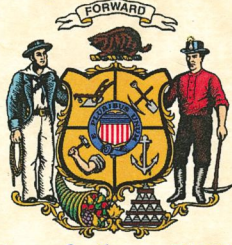


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; as Wisconsinites, we pride ourselves on the variety of recreational opportunities our state has to offer, many of which involve the great outdoors and enjoying our natural resources; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's forests, trails, recreation areas, national parks, over 100 state parks, and more attracted 113 million visitors in 2019 and reflect every facet of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's outdoor recreation industry directly supports 168,000 jobs, and its economic impact is estimated at almost \$18 billion annually; and

*WHEREAS*; enjoyment of our great outdoors provides all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to celebrate our long-standing history of natural resource stewardship and to renew our commitment to protecting and appreciating our air, water, wildlife, and land; and

*WHEREAS*; in July 2019, Wisconsin established the Office of Outdoor Recreation, becoming one of the first states in the Midwest to create an office dedicated exclusively to promoting outdoor pursuits; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the partnership of federal, state, and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries, and recreationists, which makes outdoor recreation opportunities available, and continually adds new and needed features such as improved trails, water access points, boat landings, and park enhancements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 2020 as

## GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

Throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



the Governor:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of June 2020.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State